

## LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL COMMITTEE SUMMARY

### Health and Human Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

3:00 P.M.

Third Floor, City Hall

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Chair:</b>	<b>CW Woolridge</b>
	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	<b>CW Welch</b>
	<b>Members:</b>	<b>CM Tandy and CM Benson</b>

**Special Items for Discussion:** University Hospital with their safety net partners (Family Health Centers primarily) – The state of the Louisville Health Safety Net.

Chairwoman Woolridge began the meeting by announcing the members and non-members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established.

CEO Richard Jones, Park DuValle Community Health Center, CEO William Wagner, Family Health Center Portland and CEO Jim Taylor, University Hospital spoke on the following:

- ❖ Family Health Center – CEO William Wagner
  - ✓ Health Care Safety Net - A Mix of Providers Serving Medicaid and the Uninsured ([Attachment](#))
- ❖ Funding the Health Care Safety Net
  - ✓ Serve patients regardless of their ability to pay
- ❖ Family Health Center, Inc.
  - ✓ Is a Non-profit Corporation that was established by the Board of Health in 1976
  - ✓ The main site is the Portland Clinic
  - ✓ Operate five other sites across the community
  - ✓ 40 plus medical providers that work for the Centers
  - ✓ Plan to open the seventh site this summer located on the grounds of the Americana Community Center – funded in part with a grant received from University Hospital and Jewish and Saint Mary Health Care
- ❖ 2006 Individual Patients Served – 42,000 Patients
  - ✓ 59% of the patients are uninsured
  - ✓ Have nearly 20% more uninsured patients than a typical Community Health Center around the country
- ❖ 2006 Annual Visits
  - ✓ Provided 104,000 Medical and Dental visits
  - ✓ Majority Uninsured 58,000 visit
  - ✓ Income below poverty – pay minimum fee of \$15.00
  - ✓ Medicine Fee \$6.00
- ❖ Challenges
  - ✓ 2001 - 50% of Patients Uninsured
  - ✓ 2006 - 60% of Patients Uninsured
  - ✓ Increasing Language Services Costs
  - ✓ Increasing Employee Pension Costs
  - ✓ Will be challenged to provide the same level of services next year
- ❖ Park DuValle Community Health Center, Inc. – CEO Richard Jones ([Attachment](#))
  - ✓ Park DuValle opened in the year of 1968 ([Attachment](#))
  - ✓ The first five or six centers to open in the United States under the Office of Economic Opportunity
  - ✓ Annual budget approximately \$7.25 Million – 56% of the budget come from their earnings
  - ✓ Do not receive State or City funds
  - ✓ Receive a Federal Grant annually that constitutes about 40% of the budget
  - ✓ Have provided the community approximately \$160 Million Dollars of service
  - ✓ Over 2 Million Visits
- ❖ Individual Served
  - ✓ 19,994 Users – effective through April of this year
  - ✓ Uninsured 58.8%
- ❖ Annual Visits
  - ✓ 65,792 visits over the last 12 month
  - ✓ 38,700 Uninsured Patients

- ❖ Challenges
  - ✓ Recruiting and retaining professional health care providers
  - ✓ Not able to pay but 80% of the market
  - ✓ Have to depend on physicians that are growing older willing to work until they retire
  - ✓ Annual squeeze on cost/revenue ratio. Unable to build adequate capital reserve
  - ✓ Significant growth in indigent patient load with limited ability to balance mix with cost covered patients
- ❖ Have a great number of indigent patients
  - ✓ Walk-ins have been turned away – do not have the resources to serve everybody that comes to the Center
  - ✓ Have to prioritize patients by appointments
- ❖ University Hospital – CEO Jim Taylor
  - ✓ Charity and Medicaid – Total 67,735 Patients ([Attachment](#))
- ❖ U of L Clinics
  - ✓ Visits for Fiscal Year 2006 – 159, 084
  - ✓ Major focus is Specialty Clinics
- ❖ Inpatient Payer Mix
- ❖ Outpatient Payer Mix
- ❖ With the Uninsured, Medicare and Medicaid – very dependent upon government sources
- ❖ Challenges
  - ✓ Limited Facility Capacity
  - ✓ Threats to Governmental Funding Sources
  - ✓ Medical Professional Staffing
- ❖ University of Louisville Uncompensated Medical Service to the Uninsured
  - ✓ Total medical care to the uninsured provided by University of Louisville
- ❖ Discussion after Speakers Presentation:
  - ✓ Suggestion to Mr. Jones to do formal application to the City Government and asked for funding
  - ✓ Clinic on Central Ave is part of the University Hospital – Mr. Taylor stated he would make it known
  - ✓ Volunteers to interpret for patients that don't speak English
  - ✓ Hired Seven Cubans to help with language
  - ✓ Family Health Center increased fee \$12.00 – Pharmacy \$6.00
  - ✓ Family Health Center – Limited Transportation, 3 Vehicles on the road – Serve the Elderly and Expectant Mother's are first priority
  - ✓ Park DuValle – Have lost 50% of their private patients – most of the patients have moved

R-65-04-07 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE HUMANA FOUNDATION FOR THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$25,000 TO THE LOUISVILLE METRO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & WELLNESS FOR ITS TOMMIE SMITH TRACK EVENT.

CM Benson made a motion to approve this item. CW Welch seconded the motion.

Chairman Woolridge asked if there was anyone present to speak to the item. No one was present to speak to the item. She stated the item was self explanatory

By unanimous vote, this item was sent to the **Consent Calendar**.

R-70-04-07 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF APPROXIMATELY \$5,000 ON BEHALF OF THE MEDICAL STAFF OF BAPTIST HOSPITAL EAST TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES FOR THE HEALTHY START BABY STORES

CM Tandy made a motion to approve this item. CW Welch seconded the motion.

CM Tandy gave a brief overview of the Healthy Start Baby Stores. He stated it is an incentive program for Healthy Start participants to encourage parents to obtain Medical, Educational Nutritional Services that benefit the new families. The Healthy Start project operates out of three stores where families can exchange coupons obtained for Healthy Start to exchange for needy items. The three stores are located in the Neighborhood Place Ujima, Bridges of Hope Neighborhood Place and the Northwest Neighborhood Place. Pregnant women, mothers and fathers and families with children can get these items by enrolling in the program, collecting the coupons and redeeming them for items at the Healthy Start Baby Stores.

By unanimous vote, this item was sent to the **Consent Calendar**.

R-80-04-07 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF APPROXIMATELY \$10,000 FROM STIHL, INC. AND BRYAN EQUIPMENT SALES, INC. THROUGH THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT TO BE USED FOR THE LAWN CARE FOR CLEANER AIR REBATE PROGRAM.

CM Tandy made a motion to approve this item. CW Welch seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Matt Stull, Air Pollution Control District, stated the \$10,000 will be used for commercial rebates for the Lawn Care Cleaner Air Rebate Program. He stated many residents have turned in their gas powered lawn equipment for electrical or battery powered equipment. The program allows Commercial Landscapers to turn in their two stroke equipment for four stroke equipment. Three local dealers will be participating. Information on ([Louisvilleky.gov/apcd](http://Louisvilleky.gov/apcd)).

By unanimous vote, this item was sent to the **Consent Calendar**.

O-233-12-06 AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SALE OF FOODS CONTAINING TRANS FAT PRODUCTS IN ANY FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT IN JEFFERSON COUNTY. (Tabled)

This item remained **Tabled**.

CW Woolridge made a motion to adjourn, without objection.

**\*NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the May 31, 2007 Metro Council Meeting.**

Without objection the meeting adjourned at 3:43 PM.

**MEM**